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## THE CHAPEL



## SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL

**NEW HOSPITAL CHAPEL:****Sunday**

Catholic Mass ..... 6:15 A. M. & 8:30 A. M.

Protestant Worship ..... 10:00 A. M.

Protestant Vespers ..... 7:00 P. M.

**RED CROSS AUDITORIUM, NEW HOSPITAL:**

Sunday School for Children ..... 10:00 A. M.

**NEW HOSPITAL CHAPEL:****Weekdays**

Catholic Mass, daily except Wed. .... 5:30 P. M.

Catholic Mass, Wednesday ..... 8:30 A. M.  
Protestant Vesper Service Wed. .... 7:00 P. M.  
**RED CROSS AUDITORIUM, OLD HOSPITAL:**

**Sunday**

Catholic Mass ..... 10:00 A. M.

Protestant Worship ..... 9:00 A. M.

Protestant Vespers ..... 5:30 P. M.

**Weekdays**

Protestant Vesper Service, Wed. .... 5:30 P. M.

## JOHN 20:29 BLESSED ARE THEY THAT HAVE NOT SEEN AND YET HAVE BELIEVED

God has spoken to us through His Prophets. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, they have imparted to us the words of Life. Many people today desiring to be Christians have said, "Yes, I want to be a Christian, but how can I know that the Bible is true? that it is an inspired word of God?" I believe that there is a Divine power who made the world, but how can I know there is a home in heaven provided for those that believe? We cannot begin to believe by doubting. God is not a negative being, but a positive one. We begin by first having Faith in a Divine God, and second in believing that God so loved his creation of man, that he could part with His beloved Son, and send him into a world of hate and sin to save them through His love and knowledge of God the Father.

We look around us today, and see the havoc that sin has brought upon the world, and know that evil forces are continually working against our great God to destroy that which His Son came to save. Those who have gone before us, must feel a deep pity for the people who hold life so dear here on earth. Material things here, praise of achievements, position and possessions, are passing values, only of value when coupled with the desire to lead others to know our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A small child, walking down the street one day with his father, spied the Service Stars in the windows of many homes. The child inquired, "Father, why do people place stars in their windows?" "Because they have given a son to the service of Our Country," was the reply. They walked to the edge of the small town, and as the child looked up into the sky, he saw the North Star shining from the heavens. "Father, is that star placed there because God gave His Son to save us?" Child-like faith in God and His precious Son, is the answer to our sin-sick world today. Blessed are they that believe and impart the words of life that all may some day enter into the Kingdom of rest.

Written by a friend to:

—OLLIE G. MATTHEWS,  
Chaplain (Major)





—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.

### PRESENTATION OF "OLD GLORY" TO RECONDITIONING UNIT

In the picture are: District Commander Henry B. Weiner; Second Vice Commander, Mr. Jack E. Reinhard; First Vice Commander, Mr. Ralph W. Russell, at the flag presentation ceremonies at Annex IV. Color guard consisted of: S/Sgt. Fred A Baker of Brookhaven, Mississippi, and Pfc. Olin Lewallen of Brookling, Oklahoma, and S/Sgt. William T. Johnson of Holly Springs, Mississippi.

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# "Old Glory Presented To Reconditioning Unit at Brooke By American Legion, Post 114

The presentation of a United States Flag to the Reconditioning Unit of Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital highlighted one of the recent formal Parade and Inspection ceremonies held at Annex IV. The flag was presented by the 114th American Legion Post; the color guard consisting of Mr. Jack E. Reinhard, Second Vice Commander; Mr. Ralph W. Russell, First Vice Commander; and Mr. Henry B. Weiner, District Commander.

The receiving color guard for the Convalescent Hospital was made up of three returned overseas veterans: S/Sgt. William T. Johnson of Holly Springs, Mississippi, who wears the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Ribbon and the Southwest Pacific Theater Ribbon; S/Sgt. Fred A. Baker from Brookhaven, Mississippi, awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart, who wears the Good Conduct Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, American Defense and Southwest Pacific Theater Ribbons; and Pfc. Olin Lewallen of Brookings, Oklahoma, wearer of the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Ribbon and the European Theater of Operations Ribbon. All three of these men, convalescing from wounds, are mem-

bers of the Reconditioning Unit of Brooke.

To assist in the process of recovery, an extensive program of physical and educational reconditioning is being operated under the supervision of Major R. T. Wilkinson, Chief of the Reconditioning Unit. Various schools and classes, such as business, automotive, radio, music, graphic arts, woodwork, photography, and mechanics are in progress with Captain A. A. Grusendorf and Lt. Fred Kovacs, Educational-Reconditioning Officers in charge. Group discussions of current affairs and world problems similarly play a major part in the educational program.

In addition to the routine physical development program, the Physical Reconditioning Department, headed by Lt. George Alexander, schedules golfing, fishing, and ranch events regularly.

The program of reconditioning that so aptly utilizes hospitalization time by returning casualties to duty sooner and readjusting soldiers to civilian life, is coordinated by Lt. Joseph Fenton, Plans and Training Officer for the Reconditioning unit.

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## American Legion, Department of Texas Service Office Bill-Senate Bill No. 44-Now Law

Through Senate Bill No. 44, passed by Texas Legislature there is now established a Veterans County Service Office, operated under the Commissioners' Court, the purpose of which is to aid those residents who have served in the armed forces to promptly, properly and rightfully obtain the benefits to which they are entitled. Members of the Veterans County Service Office must be experienced in the law, regulations and rulings of the United States Veterans Administration and must themselves have served in the active military, naval or other armed forces or nurse corps of the United States.

Duties of the officers and personnel of the Veterans County Service Office, besides

aiding those members of the U. S. armed forces who have served during the Spanish American War or World Wars I and II or peacetime enlistment, will be to aid orphans or dependents of any member of the armed forces in preparing, submitting and presenting any claim against the United States or any state, for compensation, hospitalization, insurance or other item or benefits to which they may be entitled under the existing laws of the United States. It shall also be the duties of such an office to defeat all unjust claims that may come to its attention.

No fees, either directly or indirectly, for any service rendered, shall be charged the applicant.



# Keep Your RED CROSS

## *At His Side*



All over the world the Red Cross is at his side \* \* \*

To the battle fronts, to the enemy prison camps, to hospitals for the wounded, and to lonely outposts—there your Red Cross goes in its great humanitarian work!

A cheering word, a cup of coffee, assistance in time of trouble \* \* \* these things your Red Cross gifts bring to your sons and brothers and fathers and loved ones in distant lands!

Keeping the Red Cross at HIS side is the personal responsibility of each American—for the American people are the Red Cross!

# GIVE NOW—

Be ready when the Red Cross solicitors for Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital approach you—AND GIVE GENEROUSLY! Keep the Red Cross at HIS side.

"The Red Cross is great because it reflects and is sustained by an idea that is lodged in the emotions and in the consciousness of all the people. That idea is the dignity of man, and the responsibility of all society toward its individual members."

—BASIL O'CONNER, Chairman,  
The American National Red Cross.

**Some of the things your contribution helps the Red Cross to provide for our war wounded:**

**SURGICAL DRESSINGS** \* \* \* 775,000,-000 were produced in 1944 by wives of officers and enlisted men overseas who work by the thousands in communities on the home front. All these dressings are made under the supervision of the American Red Cross.

**RED CROSS FOOD PARCELS** \* \* \* for Americans in prison camps, packed by patriotic women working long hours daily; 10,800,000 were packed by production-line methods last year!

**DITTY BAGS** \* \* \* parceled by Red

Cross workers at home, to hearten lads in hospitals overseas. Ditty bags contain pocket-size books, chewing gum, a game and necessary toilet articles.

**MESSAGES FROM HOME** \* \* \* Through Red Cross Home Service channels, hundreds of thousands of urgent messages reach soldiers abroad from families at home.

**CIGARETTES** \* \* \* Millions of these are distributed by Red Cross workers to weary, battle-worn fighters on world battlefronts.

**HOT COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS** \* \* \* The arm of the Red Cross is extended to every American wearing the uniform of the American government.



# Occupational Therapy Provides Relaxation and Exercise for Patients of Brooke Hospital



In the far background, Pfc. Floyd Halliburton of Waelder, Texas, wounded near Cassino, Italy on 16 January 1944, is sanding down an ash stand. Center background shows Sergeant Earl Baker of Luling, Texas, giving heavy exercise to his hand, elbow and shoulder at a large loom on which he is weaving a rug. In foreground, Pfc. Gonzales of San Diego, Texas gives light exercise to fingers, wrist, elbow and shoulder at a braid weave loom. Sergeant Earl Baker was wounded in his left arm and side by a Jap machine gun bullet on 16 January 1944 at Arawe, New Britain. Pfc. Gonzales was wounded in the right shoulder and left occipital region of his scalp, right wrist and right arm on 25 September 1944 in France by gunshot fragments. These men all receive functional treatment in occupational therapy in Shop No. 2 Annex II, Brooke General Hospital.

The Occupational Therapy Department at Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital opened its first shop in Annex I, on 1 January 1944, and in the past 14 months, this department has grown to occupy SEVEN such shops.

These shops are divided into two sections: Functional; and Recreational and Diversional. Shops for Functional work are located in the Reconditioning Unit, in Annex II, and in the Neuropsychiatric Hospital. Recreational shops are located in Annex I, II, IV, and in the recreational building formerly used by the Red Cross, located in the "old" hospital area.

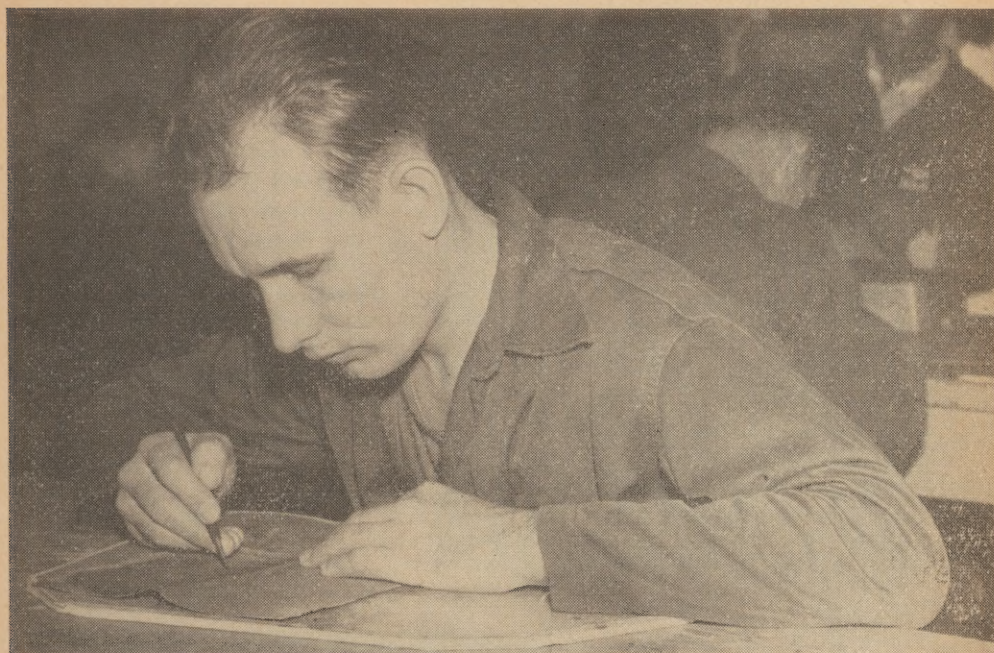
Functional shops are equipped with the

standard occupational therapy equipment—bicycle jig-saws, rug looms, and pattern weaving looms, supplemented by shop manufactured potter's kick wheel for ankle and knee action, converted treadle type sewing machine jig-saws for ankle treatment and pottery work for finger exercises. These shops are used expressly for patients whose wounds and injuries are such that Occupational Therapy prescribed for aiding nature to speed recovery through functional exercise.

In all shops, trained Occupational Therapists are in attendance and these Therapists also coordinate with the Red Cross volunteer workers in the wards.

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Technician Fifth Grade Perry W. Fowler of Gaffney, South Carolina, doing a bit of leather work in one of the three Occupational Therapy Shops located in the "old" hospital area of Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital.



Sergeant John R. Hoppe of Minneapolis, Minnesota, shapes an ash tray (clay modeling) in one of the three Occupational Therapy Shops located in the "old" hospital area of Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital. Sgt. Hoppe saw service in Italy, was wounded in October, 1943.





Pfc. Ernest A. Combs of Delaney, Arkansas, uses a bicycle saw in the occupational therapy shop at the Reconditioning Unit, Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital, to increase motion in his hip and knee. Combs was wounded 24 October 1944 near Volturna, Italy by shrapnel in his left thigh and right shoulder.



S/Sgt. Vesta Adams of Dallas, Texas, using a potter's kick wheel to mould pottery in the occupational therapy shop at the Reconditioning Unit, Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital. This instrument gives knee motion and aids in strengthening the leg. This type of occupational therapy is also prescribed for strengthening the hands after injury to nerve. Adams was wounded by shell fragments in the left arm involving injury to the ulna nerve, on 13 August 1944 in France.



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The Recreational and Diversional shops are staffed by medical corpsmen, civilian instructors and volunteer arts and skills instructors. Arts and Skills volunteers are financed by the Bexar County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Working under the supervision of the Occupational Therapy Department, whose chief is Captain Earl R. Haight, the Gray

Ladies Arts and Skills section aids the bed patients to plan and execute various projects both as a diversion and to aid in strengthening relaxed muscles.

The quick change-over from active Army life to the role of patient at any army hospital is particularly difficult. The dire need for a mental and physical activity has therefore, been met by occupational therapy at Brooke and other army hospitals.





Private Mervyn R. Bray of Lafayette, Indiana, block-printing a refreshment cloth in one of the three Occupational Therapy shops located in the "old" hospital area of Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital.



Pfc. Willie H. King of Dallas, Texas, using a treadle saw with very limited motion for exercising the knee in the Occupational Therapy shop, at the Reconditioning Unit of Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital. Pfc. King was wounded in the leg by shrapnel in France on 26 July 1944.



All patients at Brooke are invited to try their hand at making practical articles in any of the Occupational Therapy Shops. Competent instructors supply necessary information and materials for all articles free of charge. When your project is completed, it becomes yours to send home if you so desire.



# Poems by Helen J. Armstrong ANC

Lieutenant Helen J. Armstrong, a member of the Army Nurse Corps for the past four years, saw service in Iceland. It was there that she received the injury that has kept her hospitalized for the past year. Lt. Armstrong has been a patient at Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital since August, but it was just recently discovered that she writes verse—and very good verse we'd say! Lt. Armstrong received her nursing training at Christ Hospital in Jersey City.

## HAVE YOU EVER?

Have you ever listened

To the croaking of the frogs,  
Or watched the joyous antics  
Of the little puppy dogs?

Have you ever talked

To wild flowers in the spring,  
Or dabbled your feet in a brook  
The while you heard it sing?

Have you ever wandered

O'er a cool green woodland trail,  
Seen a rabbit scamper  
Scaring out a bunch of quail?

Have you ever known

The sweetness of new-mown hay,  
Or heard the old rooster  
Herald in a new-born day?

Have you ever witnessed

Moon-beams and pixies dance,  
Or heard the robins sing  
Of summer-time romance?

Have you ever watched with envy

A ship sail out to sea,  
Or listened to the breezes  
Whispering secrets to a tree?

Have you ever seen faces

In a soft white cloud,  
Or wondered what legends  
Mysterious old houses shroud?

I could go on forever

Such pleasures to relate;  
But if you've never known these  
I pity you your fate.

—Helen J. Armstrong.

## CAN'T HELP WONDERING

Can't help wondering

What the world is coming to,  
Now I'm in disgrace  
'Cause of a discarded shoe!  
How was I to know?  
To me, it looked well worn.  
Sometimes I wonder  
Why the deuce I was born!

Can't help wondering

Why nothing I do is right,  
Now I'm a coward  
'Cause I didn't want to fight!  
How can I tell them  
I'm afraid I'll be hurt,  
Just don't want scolding  
For bringing in more dirt!

Can't help wondering

I'm sort of in a fog.  
Wish they would realize  
I'm just a little dog!

—By Helen J. Armstrong.

## THERE IS NO WOUND

Low in spirit, weary of pain

I asked myself, time and again,  
Why try any longer? Why put up a fight?  
And suddenly, there came like a light,  
A phrase from out of the long ago.  
It eased my pain . . . quieted my woe;  
Tho' the way be dark and weary and long  
Over and over, I'll sing this song . . .  
And know the truth of what I feel . . .  
There is no wound Christ cannot heal!

—By Helen J. Armstrong.

## ICELAND

Arctic land so bleak and barren,  
How can thy beauties show?  
Year around your face is hidden  
'Neath a mantle of snow.

Barren mountains, reaching skyward  
In a land of ice and fire;  
Mighty glaciers and volcanos,  
Geysers rumbling with desire.

Rising high above the ocean

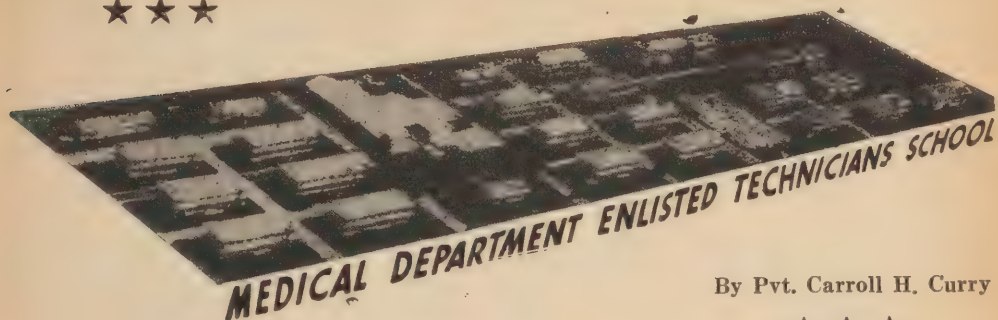
Proud and lonely tho you stand,  
Yet moonbeams and northern lights  
Make yours an enchanted land.

Isolation may surround you,

Yet the mighty become meek . . .  
Knowing beauty may be hidden  
But they'll find it, if they seek.

—By Helen J. Armstrong.





**MEDICAL DEPARTMENT ENLISTED TECHNICIANS SCHOOL**

By Pvt. Carroll H. Curry



### TALK OF THE CAMPUS

Army life does work wonders now and then. Cpl. Jesse Nelson, of the supply warehouse, dressed up and went to S. A. one morning a couple of weeks ago—and came back a married man.

\* \* \*

The boys in Barracks Five say that one of the students, Cpl. Bethel McCrary loves spaghetti. The fact was in evidence one Sunday morn.

\* \* \*

Our WAC students are certainly hard-working gals. How they hate to miss a class!

\* \* \*

A current rumor in the school is that Frank Elston is the biggest \$?/\*\* buck private in the army.

\* \* \*

Bart Olson, a conscientious, sober service school basketballer, would like to have the words to a song. He only knows, "I'm sending you red roses—"

\* \* \*

It has been suggested that we join the "Society of Chowhounds." Hmhmhmhm! Hate to replace Capt. Kroner as president.

\* \* \*

T/4 Hulin Mosely is on a happy furlough—along with his new store teeth.

\* \* \*

Have you noticed that snappy tailor - made blouse that T/4 Wesley Alexander wears?

\* \* \*

New Promotion Dept.: Cecil Martin to Staff Sergeant, Lew Hirshman to T/5, and Walt Worrell to Corporal.

Lt. A. J. Greene, the mess officer (no less), was seen eating in the mess hall last week—without a tie. Tsh, tsk.

\* \* \*

Wanted: Someone to teach typing to Lt. Wasserman. His shootin' finger is getting worn back to his elbow.

\* \* \*

Looking over the last Bluebonnet, we'd say Bill Lytle is doing OK for himself. His collection of unusual artificial eyes is sum-pin'—even has one with a nude painted on.

\* \* \*

"Frenchie" Latiolais, former dental student, loves telephone tricks. But the last one almost backfired. Frenchie, who works at the dental clinic, BG&CH, runs the pictures you see at Theater Four.

\* \* \*

The school staff had a distinguished visitor, Tuesday, March 6 — Paul Muni. (We're writing this before his visit—so what more can be said?)



"How was I to know she was the T-4's daughter?"



Midnite Noises: Sergeant - of - the - Guard Zimmerman wandering around looking for a package of cigarets—Hulin Carlton singing "New River Train"—William Considine looking for a place to land—Supply Sergeant Cotter "consuming"—Ed Ordway making no noise at all—Murray Jones helping Louisiana's Chamber of Commerce—Tony Barbero bemoaning the fact that he's becoming an old soldier—John Victor carefully rattling his bedcheck flashlight—and Sgt. - of - the Guard Maurice Hill making lots of noise.

\* \* \*

It has been observed that Tech. Sgt. Adolph Patzewitsch is very observant.

\* \* \*

T/4 "Card" Baeyens brought his son, Stevie, in to see the gang a few days ago. Sounds of surprise arose when Stevie didn't even look twice at a deck of bicycles on the desk. Chip off the old block?

### THE RECONVERSION

When bugles sound their final notes  
And bombs explode no more  
And we return to what we did  
Before we went to war,  
The sudden shift of status  
On the ladder of success  
Will make some worthy gentlemen  
Feel like an awful mess.

Just think of some poor captain  
Minus all his silver bars  
Standing up behind some counter  
Selling peanuts and cigars;  
And think of all the majors  
When their oak leaf's far behind  
And the uniform they're wearing  
Is the Western Union kind.

Shed a tear for some poor colonel  
If he doesn't feel himself;  
Jerking sodas isn't easy  
When your eagle's on the shelf.  
'Tis a bitter pill to swallow,

### 194?, A.D. (After Discharge)



"Who blew that \*\*/\$\*!! whistle?"

'Tis a matter for despair  
Being messengers and clerks again  
A mighty cross to bear.

So be kind to working people  
That you meet where'er you go,  
For the guy who's washing dishes  
May have been your old CO.

### BUNCO & BINGO PARTIES FOR SERVICEMEN'S WIVES

Every Thursday at two p. m., the Servicemen's Wives of San Antonio come to the Crockett Street U.S.O. for a social function. Bunco or Bingo Party or planned special programs are enjoyed.

On Tuesday afternoons, Servicemen's Wives meet at the U.S.O. to work in the Scrapbook Workroom. This is a service planned especially for servicemen overseas, and all servicemen's wives are urged to come to help make the scrapbooks which are so vitally needed by our soldiers. The workroom is open every afternoon from two to four p. m., and every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday evenings from seven to nine. Anyone interested in helping is urged to come.



# SPORTS

EDITED BY PVT. RANDALL C. GUTHRIE

## Medics Win Fort Sam Cage Flag

A fighting Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School basketball squad came from behind in the final minutes of play to annex for the second straight year, the Fort Sam Houston cage championship.

The team defeated the Fourth Army Red Raiders in a real thriller, 41-40, to take the crown and the team also finished the regular season in a first place tie with the Raiders, and participated in a playoff involving the top four teams. The other teams were the War Department Personnel

Center from Dodd Field and Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital.

During a highly successful season the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School team played in three organized leagues, participated in two tournaments

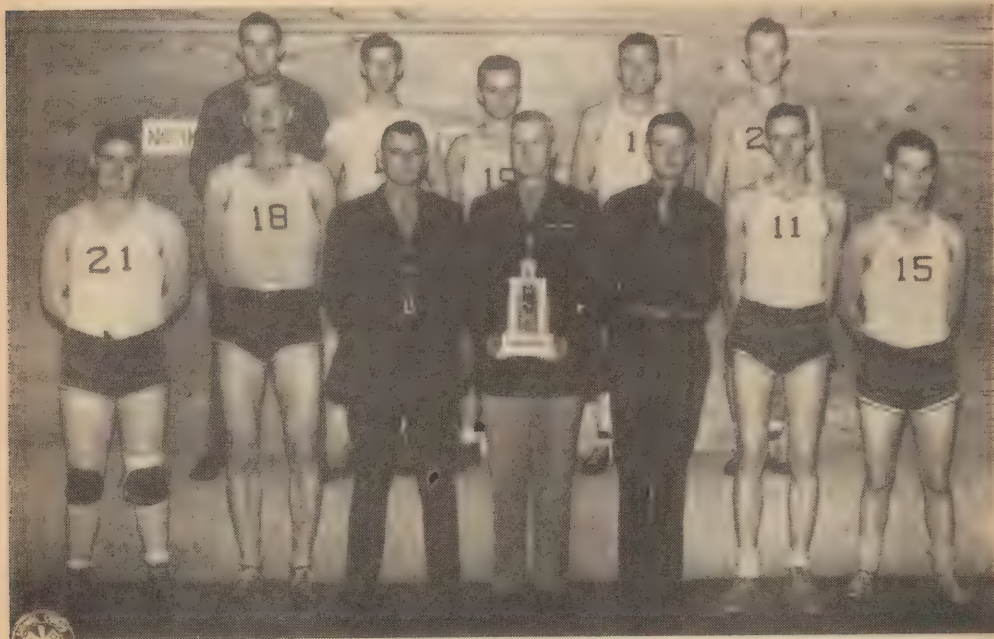
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—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.

Col. Clyde D. Parmelee, commander of troops, Fort Sam Houston, presents the Fort Sam Houston championship trophy to Col. W. C. Fargo, commanding officer, Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School, Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital, as team members look on. The squad, winner of the Fort Sam Houston championship, as well as the district, competed in the 8th Service Command tournament at Harmon General Hospital, Longview, Feb. 23-25.





—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.

Winner of the 5th district tournament held at Fort Sam Houston, the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School of Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital, Longview, Feb. 23-25. Squad members are pictured above with Col. C. W. Fargo, commanding officer at the school; Capt. George Allcorn, coach, and 2nd Lt. J. J. Ward, athletic officer. Pictured (left to right, front row) are: Pvt. Jess Willard, Pvt. James R. Ledford, Captain Allcorn, Colonel Fargo, Lieutenant Ward, Pvt. William D. Milford, Pfc. Harold B. Olson, (back row) Pvt. Clifford T. Fair, Pvt. Randall C. Guthrie, Pvt. Harvey J. Deright, S/Sgt. Byron Humphrey and Pvt. Ralph H. Dooley.

and played a grand total of 43 games. Their season record, which stands 25 wins and 18 losses, is not overly impressive, but considering eleven of those losses came in the very strong and prominent San Antonio Service League, the record is highly satisfactory.

Along with the Fort Sam championship the MDETS quintet won the right to represent to the Fifth District in the Eighth Service Command basketball tournament at Longview, Texas, by beating Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital and Fort Crockett in the semi-finals and finals respectively in the District tournament.

At Longview, although they won only two games out of five, they made a very commendable showing. In the final day of the tournament the Medicos downed Camp Claibourne, La., 51-50, to throw the tournament into a playoff. It was easily the outstanding upset and game of the tourney. Claibourne, went on to win the Command crown. In their previous games, the MDETS team beat a strong Camp Berkeley team,

but lost to Glennan General Hospital, Harmon General Hospital and Fort Bliss, W.D.P.C., to end the tournament with a record three wins and two losses.

Service School team (MDETS) organizing for their second year of play, found only four men returning from last year's outstanding team. Those holdovers from last year were: Bart Olson, Springfield College, Mass.; Clifford Fair, Bennington, Vt.; Randall Guthrie, Ohio University, and Carl Willard, Missouri. Olson, a flashy high scoring forward, captained the MDETS five and amassed a total of 358 points during the season. He was chosen on the 1945 Service League All-Star team, and was tenth in the service scoring parade in the state of Texas.

Playing his first season for MDETS, having arrived just before the basketball season began was James Ledford, former Colorado University star. Ledford literally burned up the San Antonio hardwoods. He walked off with practically every honor of the season. He scored an amazing 526 points



during the season, averaging around 13 points a game. Was the highest scorer in the state for service men, and second only to Walt Boandle in the Service League scoring race. (This only included the fourteen games played in the service league). He was voted a place on the Service League All Stars and only missed by one vote of being on the first five all-opponent team.

Added to this was the honor of being chosen on the All-tournament team at the Eighth Service Command tournament at Longview. Ledford was easily the outstanding player on the MDETS team, and one of the best in Service basketball. Other boys who helped MDETS to a very fine season were: Bill Milford, Rittman, Ohio; Harvey DeRight, Chicago, Ill.; Ralph Dooley, Bonham, Tex.; Byron Humphrys, San Antonio, Tex.

Coach of the team was Capt. George Allcorn of Brownwood, Tex.; Business Manager was 1st Lt. John J. Ward, New York, N. Y.

Season Scoring Record:	Points
Ledford .....	526
Olson .....	358
Guthrie .....	172
Fair .....	136
Milford .....	79
Dooley .....	75
DeRight .....	32
Willard .....	68
Humphreys .....	5

## FORT SAM HOST TO AIR FORCE TOURNEY

On March 12 to 17, the Fort Sam Houston Sports Arena was the site of the Army Air Force basketball tournament. Under the direction of 1st Lt. John J. Ward of Medical Service School, the tournament included teams from all fields around San Antonio, and two Fort Sam Houston entries. It was of single elimination nature, and all teams, except those who were in the San Antonio Service league, were eligible.

Fort Sam Houston was represented by the Fourth Army Red Raiders and Provost Marshal General School. The Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School, team champions of Fort Sam, were ineligible due to their participation in the Service League.

## FORT SAM TEAMS IN VOLLEYBALL MEET

An Intra Post Volleyball tournament, under the sponsorship of the San Antonio Army Athletic Association were held at Brooks field on March 19. The tournament included two teams from each of the air fields and army installations in and around San Antonio. Fort Sam Houston

was represented by the Enlisted Technicians School, and War Department Personnel Center of Dodd Field.

Other installations in the tourney were: San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, Stinson Field, Brooks Field, Kelly Field, Randolph Field, Normoyle Field, San Marcos, and Hondo. It was a single elimination tournament.

The Medical Service school team was the winner of the 5th District of Eight Service Command Tournament earlier this year. They also finished third in the Eight Service Command Tournament at Temple, Tex.

The War Department Personnel Center were the runners-up to the School in the District tourney.

The MDET School team is made up of the following: Col. Warren C. Fargo, Lt. Al Green, Maj. Albert Rath, Lt. John J. Ward, Lt. Scruggs, Pvt. James Ledford, Pvt. Frank Elston, Pfc. Barton Olson, Pvt. Randall C. Guthrie, Sgt. John Baynes, Pvt. William Milford and Pvt. Clifford Fair.

## GOING TO DALLAS

Benches in Dallas railroad and bus stations are no softer than those anywhere else, and GIs making overnight visits there may have occasion to personally verify this situation unless they arrange for lodging as early as possible.

Since hotel rooms, particularly on week-ends, are virtually unavailable, the service man's best bet is to call at the downtown Dallas USO Housing Bureau, 1808 Main Street, as soon as they reach the city.

Too often, soldiers wait until midnight or later before attempting to arrange for accommodations. The result is that the housing bureau, already faced with acutely over-crowded conditions, finds it extremely difficult and sometimes impossible to take care of the late comers.

Between 600 and 700 requests for rooms are filled nightly by the housing bureau on week-ends, it was pointed out by Mrs. Mary McKay, director.

Despite the housing situation, she said, nearly all requests can be filled, chiefly with rooms in private homes, if they are made early enough.

## DO YOU READ OUTFIT?

Have you been keeping up with the men of your old unit? Have you heard of the recent changes in personnel, rotations, furloughs, awards and decorations that have taken place overseas? If you haven't, read OUTFIT, the weekly free magazine which brings you the latest from all theaters. It is distributed regularly at this hospital. If you have not been receiving OUTFIT, contact the Special Services office.



# GRAPHIC ARTS



*at the* RECONDITIONING UNIT



# ART COURSES featured in Convalescent Rehabilitation Training Program . . .

"By golly, this takes the cake!" A real art department and for our use? And fully equipped? Well, seeing is believing."

So GI Joe, just entering the Convalescent Section of the Brooke General Hospital at Annex IV gets his first glimpse of the newly developed art program. Eager to start him on his road to recovery and further usefulness in the Armed Forces and in civilian life, the Art Department stands ready to assist GI Joe in every way possible.

Started in October, 1944, by mentor-instructors, Private Stanley Louis, one-time student at the Kansas City Art Institute and Kansas City Junior College and Pvt. Rolland W. Ayres, versatile commercial artist and former student at Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, this department has made such rapid strides that today it is manned by four full-time instructors and offers a variety of courses, ranging from drawing, cartooning, designing, sketching, lettering, poster work, water color and oil painting, to the more recent innovations of mechanical drawing and blueprint reading

courses. Newest staff members, Pvt. Peggy Krusemark, University of Minnesota Art Department Graduate and former Alabama Polytechnic Institute Instructor, and University of Oklahoma trained instructor, and Sgt. Gordon Alvis of the Base Map Plant in the Southwest Pacific, are making valuable contributions in developing new courses and programs at the Convalescent Unit's Art Department.

The Art Department's four-fold objectives of: (1) Stimulating an interest and appreciation in art, (2) Enabling students to continue their art pursuits while in the Armed Forces, (3) Diverting the thinking processes of the students from their personal problems and handicaps toward constructive occupation and in (4) Restoring self-confidence and aid in the adjustment of the soldier to further usefulness in the Armed Service and in civilian life—are a driving force in the rapidly expanding popularity of these Art courses.

A visit to the Art Department of the Convalescent Unit of Annex IV will prove to GI Joe that "Seeing is believing."

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### Private Stan Louis

Winner of the \$25.00 War Bond in the

## SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

(See Page 23 for Winning Poster)

### Staff Sgt. Joey Gottlieb

Winner of the \$7.50 in War Stamps for the clever verse which accompanied Stan Louis' cartoon.



# RED CROSS ACTIVITIES AT B.G.H.

## RED CROSS STAFF ADDITIONS

Reported by Miss Marie Liesch,  
Recreation Worker

The Red Cross is happy to welcome three new members to its staff: Miss Elizabeth Tompkins, Recreation Worker; Miss Rosemary O'Brien, Hospital Worker; and Miss Marie Bezold, Case Worker. Miss Tompkins is "new" from training at Washington, D. C., and she has been assigned to Annex I. Miss O'Brien came from Hondo Air Base and is working at the Old Hospital. Miss Bezold is from Camp Berkeley and is at Annex III. We hope they will enjoy their new assignments at Brooke.

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## TOUR

The following patients from Ward I enjoyed an afternoon tour to points of interest around San Antonio: Sgt. C. Middlebrook, T/5 Kuekin, T/3 Silas Carson, T/4 V. Quiroga, Pfc. Daniel Good and Sgt. Dale Stofferson from Annex I. The Governor's Palace, San Jose Mission, Brackenridge Park and the residential district were visited. Red Cross Motor Corps provided the transportation. Anyone else interested in similar tours may contact Red Cross for arrangements.

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## MOVIES

Ward movies have become a regular part of the recreation program on Ward I with two showings a week, Wednesday and Saturday afternoon.

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## '...AND THE BAND PLAYED ON!'

Reported by Miss Elizabeth Ann Tompkins,  
Recreation Worker

—for two hours on February 21 while couples swung and swayed, jitterbugged and jived in the Red Cross Recreation Building. The music, provided by the Fort Sam Houston dance band was excellent, girls were plentiful, and cokes were served to a large crowd.

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Among the movies shown lately were "The Thin Man Goes Home," "Experiment Perilous," and "To Have and Have Not." These were seen both in the Recreation Building and on the wards.

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Valentine Parties were held on many wards. Then on February 15th a gala party in the Red Cross building was given by the patients to celebrate the many patriotic holidays in February. Guests were greeted with favors—some George Washington hatchets, some Lincoln Log Houses, and some valentines. Than a quiz program

brought out the "You Cannot Tell a Lie" idea. The winning group was awarded a valentine box of chocolates. Afterwards many "would be" musicians were given an opportunity to perform when the band instruments were brought out—combs with tissue paper to hum through, tin pan cymbals, washboard, bottles, and a dish pan drum. Needless to say, the music was terrific. Punch and cake squares were served.

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New phonograph records have just been received—come over and try them out while you munch on a cookie and sip a cup of coffee.

## OLD HOSPITAL RED CROSS NEWS

Reported by Miss Mary Reed Simpson,  
Recreation Worker

On February 15th the Woodlawn Guild of Christ Episcopal Church gave a Bingo party at the Old Hospital Red Cross Building. That Mississippi man, Earl Laird from Ward 33 was the lucky winner of the grand prize, a Twenty-five dollar War Bond.

Delicious refreshments of sandwiches and "cokes" were served and everyone had a grand "ole" time.

## PECAN CONTEST

How many pecans do you think a half-gallon jar will hold? The patients at Annex II had a guessing contest several weeks ago and found they were pretty good guessers. The guesses ranged from 85 to 650—but the correct answer was 171. Eight prizes were distributed to the following patients:

Pvt. Yonekasu Tamai guessed 172.

Pvt. Eddie Lindsey, Pvt. Daniel Larisey, and Pvt. Fabian Rodriguez guessed 170 pecans.

Pvt. Avery Davis and Veteran Thomas Richards guessed 168.

Sgt. Manuel Meiche and Pfc. Jack Payne guessed 173.

Congratulations, fellas!

## RHYTHM RUMPUS

"Rhythm Rumpus," USO-CAMP SHOW, a rollicking revue that promises to be long on laughs, will bring to Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital patients a cast of stellar performers of stage, screen and radio featuring comedy, dance and song.

The show arrives for playing on March 30th and 31st. A top-notch cast includes Jean Walters, m.c., singing comedienne; June Lloyd, tap and acro dancer; The Star Lighters, singing act; Coley Worth and Marcia, comedy act, and Al Friedman, pianist.



# After the War . . . What?

## PIONEER—NEW MODEL

We've left the covered wagon far behind, but the days of pioneering and homesteading are not over! There is plenty of room for us all, and in some of our states and Alaska there is public land that is still unsettled. The Government has made this available, under the homestead laws, to modern pioneers who will live on the land and cultivate it and make it profitable. While the chances are still many and varied, don't leap before looking. Naturally the opportunity for homesteading on the public domain in continental United States is greatly restricted today as compared with bygone years, after more than a century of activities resulting in the rapid disposal of the desirable tracts.

If you make homestead entry after receiving an honorable discharge following at least ninety days' service in World War II, the period of your military service (but not exceeding two years) may be construed as equivalent to residence and cultivation upon the land for the same length of time.

Two years' credit, regardless of length of service over ninety days, will be given to veterans who were discharged because of wounds or disability incurred in the line of duty, or, if the veteran were regularly discharged and subsequently hospitalized or given compensation because of such wounds or disability. Thus, the three-year period of residence before receiving title "patent" to the land may be shortened by as much as two years. No "patent" or title, will be issued to a veteran who has not lived on his homestead and complied with the other provisions of the homestead laws for at least one year.

The unmarried widow of a veteran who would be entitled to a homestead, or his orphaned minor children through an officially appointed guardian, may make the homestead entry, and subject to compliance with the provisions of the homestead laws for a period of at least one year, they will be entitled to all the benefits which would have been received by the veteran. If a person entitled to the benefits makes homestead entry and dies before completing title, leaving minor orphan children, the title can go to them without any proof of residence or cultivation.

Homesteading entries are handled by the United States Department of the Interior, and requests for further information should be addressed to the United States Department of the Interior, General Land Office, Washington 25, D. C. However, your Personal Affairs Officer, Captain Robert E. Van Gilder of Brooke General

and Convalescent Hospital, can help you make the request if you wish to discuss the matter with him first.

## SOMETHING NEW ADDED

The law known as the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 gave you the right to apply for your old job within 40 days after your discharge from service. Now, an amendment has been passed which extends the period from 40 days to 90 days. It also provides that if you are undergoing hospitalization immediately following your discharge, for a period of not more than one year, you may make your application within 90 days from your release from the hospital.

The Act as originally passed provided that if you worked for the Government at the time of your induction you are to be reinstated in the same position, or in one of like seniority, status, and pay. If you worked for a private employer, you are also to be restored to the same position or to one of like seniority, status and pay, unless your employer's circumstances have changed to the point where it is not possible or reasonable for him to re-employ you. In other words, you are to be considered as having simply been on furlough or leave of absence. You are entitled to insurance rights and other benefits, in accordance with the existing rules and practices of your employer for employees on leave of absence at the time you were inducted. Also, you cannot be discharged from your position without cause within one year after you have been restored to your job.

If, when you get home, you and your former employer do not see eye-to-eye, and you feel that his decision is unfair, there is adequate provision within the Act for you to present your side of the question, and to get a fair and speedy hearing. Your first step is to see the re-employment committeemen of your local draft board for help in adjusting your claim. If that fails, your case is automatically passed on to the State Director of the Selective Service System. Then, if the claim is not settled, it is referred to the United States District Attorney. The District Court of the United States for the district in which your employer maintains his place of business has the power to require him to comply with the provisions of the Act if your complaint is justified. You can be represented in the proceeding by your own lawyer or by the United States District Attorney for that district.

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## SOMETHING NEW

If the District Attorney feels reasonably satisfied that you are entitled to the benefits you are claiming, he will appear for you in adjusting your claim, and no fees or court costs are charged against you. If your employer is required to reinstate you, he may also be required to compensate you for any loss of wages or benefits which you may have suffered because of his unlawful action.

The law is set up to give you every assistance in returning to your former life. If you run into any trouble in getting back your old job, see the re-employment committeemen of your local draft board, or ask your Personal Affairs Officer for information on where to get needed help.

## SAFETY FIRST

### "I Didn't Think!"

"I didn't think it was loaded," said the fellow who had just been fooling around with a gun.

"I didn't think it was so heavy," said the guy in the plant who had just tried to lift a big piece of steel by himself.

The gun doodler got his hair parted roughly, with a bullet. The strong boy at work put a knot in his back and put himself in his bed for a few days.

Two of a kind. "I didn't think (period)!" That's what both might have said.

I didn't think . . .

I didn't think . . .

I didn't think . . .

In safety, as with other things worth while, that little gadget under the skull should be depended upon to tell the hands and feet and body what to do and when to do it.

You call a guy "Butter-fingers" when he's clumsy. He doesn't mind that much. He'd probably get sore if you called him "Butter-brain" when he's careless. But too often the hands and feet are blamed when the head is really responsible.

Thoughtlessness is a habit. And thinking about safe methods—before getting hurt—is also a habit. A better habit. But it doesn't come as easily as thoughtlessness. It isn't automatic. You have to keep punching the think button often, but it pays off on every punch.

Cemeteries, hospitals and beds at home: Pain, grief and worry, and doctor bills catch up with the I-didn't-think-ers.

—The Safe Worker..

## ASF URGES MILITARY PERSONNEL TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ITS VICTORY SUGGESTION PROGRAM

Ground troops may be just as anxious to have furloughs, promotions or commendations as Army Service Forces personnel—but they haven't been taking full advantage of their opportunities!

All three of those coveted rewards are offered by the Victory Suggestion program to military personnel at Army installations whose suggestions for job improvement are considered worthy of awards.

But the percentage of Army Ground Force men turning in suggestions has been small.

One reason might be that the Suggestion program is sponsored by the Army Service Forces, and the Army Ground Forces has no formalized program for receiving suggestions. However, the ASF Suggestion committee processes, and encourages, all suggestions received from all the military personnel in its area.

Enlisted men are eligible for furloughs and preferment in assignment through the Suggestion awards policy. Both officer and enlisted personnel have a shot at

- (1) Recommendation for Legion of Merit.
- (2) Consideration for promotion,
- (3) Letter of commendation.

Suggestions received within the Eighth Service Command range from methods for simplified office procedure that cut red tape and time, to complicated engineering feats.

Since the start of the Suggestion program within the Eighth Service Command in June 1943, an estimated annual savings of \$1,185,070.39 has been accomplished through last January.

Contact Major Cyrus S. Myers, Post Personnel Officer, for suggestion blanks now.

## WHAT AM I . . .

I am a little thing with a big meaning—I help everybody—I unlock doors, open hearts, do away with prejudices—I create friendship and good will—I inspire respect and confidence—Everybody loves me—I bore nobody—I violate no law—I cost nothing—Many have praised me, none have condemned me—I am pleasing to everyone—I am useful every moment of the day.

. . . I AM

COURTESY



# Authority on Finger Painting Demonstrates to Brooke Patients



Ruth Faison Shaw, originator of Finger Painting, is shown above giving instructions in this fascinating art to a group of patients in the Occupational Therapy shop at the "old" hospital, Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital.

Ruth Faison Shaw, original and best known authority on finger painting, was a recent visitor to Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital.

Finger painting is a primitive, simple and direct medium for free artistic expression. It is taught as a craft in schools throughout the country and used with highly gratifying results in Occupational Therapy.

While at Brooke, Miss Shaw instructed various groups of patients in the Occupational Therapy shop, old hospital and also

gave two demonstrations in the main Occupational Therapy shop as well as in the Neuropsychiatric section, old hospital.

A special paint formula is used that does not harm the skin or clothing and washes off easily. The paints are paste-like and come in six colors. They spread smoothly on a special kind of paper first dipped into water and then spread flat on a table with a waterproof surface. Paints are dipped onto the paper and the design worked out with the fingers and hands.





AT OUR LEFT, WE HAVE . . . the Mr. and Mrs! None other than Sergeant and Mrs. John (alias Margaret Greathouse) Kennedy. The event? Cutting the cake. Occasion? Wedding: January 17, 1945. (Say, what happened to the candle?) Margaret, as everyone knows . . . well, nearly everyone . . . is the very gracious secretary to General Beach. John is stationed at Kelly Field. All in all, we think they make a pretty swell couple.



## GIVE HIM A BREAK—DON'T WRITE

"Give him a break, don't write," sound like strange words in these days of repeated urgings not to overlook the importance of mail to those far from home. However, the War Department warns that the lives of American soldiers listed as "missing in action" may be imperiled unless the practice of writing to such soldiers through the medium of International Red Cross Director Service is discontinued.

Out of the goddess of your heart, you feel that you are doing him a favor to keep on writing after he has been reported "missing," although you have not prisoner of war address for him. You figure that you can use the International Red Cross Director Service, and then there won't be a long, lonesome lapse of time with no mail when you finally do get his address. But you're wrong!

A soldier listed as "missing in action"

may have escaped, or he may not have been picked up by the enemy. In such cases, he may be still at large in enemy territory. Although censorship regulations prohibit the sending of mail to missing in action personnel through the Directory Service, it is possible that such letters may pass censorship. In that case, they would serve only to notify the enemy that the soldier is free in their territory.

Usually a period of from six weeks to two months intervenes between the time the German government reports a man to be a prisoner of war and the time that it gives his permanent camp location. The only function of the Directory Service, whose headquarters is in Geneva, Switzerland, is to forward mail to personnel who have actually been reported to be prisoners of war (not "missing in action"), but whose camp address is not yet known. So, if he is just listed as "missing," wait—don't write.

# KEEP ON BUYING WAR BONDS





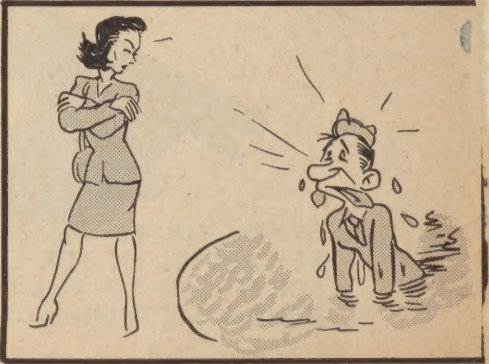
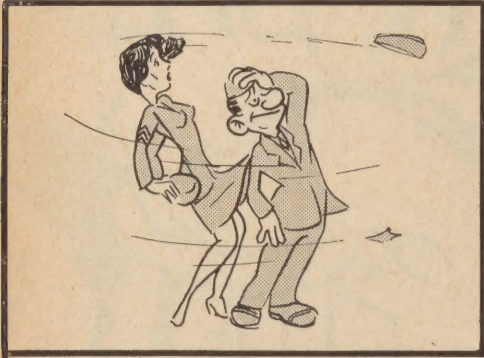
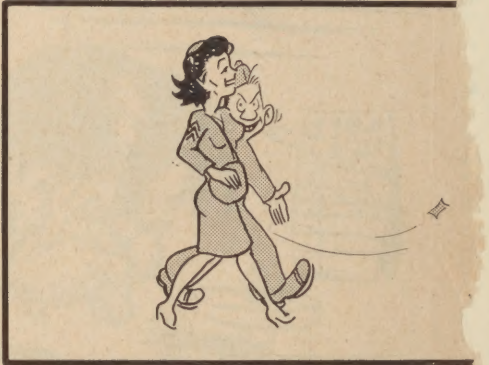
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STAN LOUIS

POETRY BY  
JOEY GOTTlieb

WHEN YOU'RE FILLING OUT PRESCRIPTIONS  
BE CAREFUL IN THE LABORATORY,  
FOR IF YOU TIP THE SULFURIC ACID  
BELIEVE ME FRIEND—YOU'LL BE SORRY!

First of a series of cartoons stressing "SAFETY FIRST"





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